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## TIME FOR AMERICAN TROOPS TO CLEAR OUT; DECLARES CARRANZA

Note Asserts that De Facto Government  
Never Consented to Expedition and  
U. S. Soldiers are in Mexico  
Without Permission

### FORCES FIRED ON BY CARRANZISTAS

Funston Complains of Lack of Co-operation;  
"Villa" Allowed to Escape Twice;  
Critical Stage of Punitive  
Operations Reached

By United Press.  
Washington, April 13.—"It is already  
time to treat with the United States  
for the withdrawal of their forces  
from our territory."

The above language is part of a  
communication from Carranza's sec-  
retary of state to Secretary Lansing,  
the unofficial text of which has been  
received by officials here.

As a result of the demand thus  
voiced, it is believed that the United  
States government is facing the most  
serious kind of a situation.

In a note which is reported to be on  
route here Carranza declares that the  
de facto government never formerly  
consented to the American troops  
crossing the border and also states  
that "the Mexican government judges  
it convenient to suspend for the present  
all discussions of negotiations in  
this particular."

The note declares that the United  
States soldiers are on Mexican soil  
without permission, that they were al-  
lowed to enter while an agreement  
with Mexico was being completed and  
now Carranza refuses to complete the  
agreement, suggesting that the time  
has come for reaching terms relative  
to the withdrawal of the troops and  
the assumption by the Carranzistas of  
the task of catching Villa.

Elisio Arredondo, the Mexican am-  
bassador here, declined to discuss the  
note. It was stated at the embassy,  
however, that the official text of the  
communication was being translated  
and would be taken immediately to  
the state department when completed.  
Secretary Lansing, not having received  
the note, declined to predict what  
the American attitude would be.

No ultimatum or demand is contain-  
ed in Carranza's note, which has not  
yet been delivered to the state depart-  
ment, the embassy stated at noon.  
Rather it contains a request for nego-  
tiations looking to the withdrawal of  
the troops and assumption of the pur-  
suit of Villa by the Carranzistas.

The president abandoned his pro-  
posed trip to New York for a speech  
Saturday. High officials hinted that it  
was doubtful whether the government  
would comply with the request of Car-  
ranza.

By some text of the Carranza  
note it is taken to indicate that Car-  
ranza may simply be bluffing for moral  
effect on the Mexicans and to ad-  
vance the prestige of the de facto  
government. The negotiations will  
doubtless require several weeks.

### Fired on by Carranzistas.

By United Press.  
San Antonio, Tex., April 13.—Amer-  
ican soldiers believe that a part  
of Major Tomkins' command were  
fired on by Carranza soldiers and cit-  
izens at Parral, according to a dis-  
patch received by Funston today from  
Consul Letcher at Chihuahua. There  
were no casualties. The date of the  
incident was not given.

General Gutierrez reported the facts  
to Letcher, complaining that the sud-  
den arrival of the Americans at Parral  
surprised the Carranzistas.

Following this report, Funston stat-  
ed frankly that he was not receiving  
co-operation in the chase of Villa.

Funston pointed out that the Car-  
ranzistas had twice allowed Villa to  
escape.

Letcher's report did not state wheth-  
er the Americans returned the fire of  
the Mexicans.

Funston stated today that no other  
plan than running down Villa had been  
considered and no word from the war  
department suggested any other  
course.

### Critical Stage of Chase.

By United Press.  
El Paso, Tex., April 13.—Army offi-  
cers here say the critical stage of the  
punitive expedition is at hand. They  
point out the insufficiency of supplies,  
the long line of communications and  
inadequate transportation service as  
the greatest dangers. It is privately  
admitted that Col. Dodd's men went  
hungry for days.

## DETAILS OF PLOTS ARE DISCLOSED

By United Press.

New York April 13.—Capt. Charles  
Von Kleist, arrested here last night,  
together with Ernest Backus and  
Captains Otto Wolpert and Erno  
Bode, has made a full confession of  
the details of a plot to blow up mun-  
itions ships belonging to the allies.

In his confession Captain Von Kleist  
is said to have implicated Captain Von  
Papen, Franz Von Rintzen and Cap-  
tain Boyd, the recently recalled Ger-  
man military and naval attaché under  
indictment here on conspiracy  
charges.

In his confession Captain Von Kleist  
is said to have stated that hun-  
dreds of bombs have been made upon  
board the interned liner, Frederick  
der Grosse.

## NEGRO PORTER IS DETECTIVE

Ed Smith, porter at the Owl drug  
store, has developed into a Sherlock  
Holmes of coming repute.

Smith is a member of the Afro-  
American colony of Chickasha. In  
addition to discharging his duties as  
porter at the Owl, Ed discharges his  
duties to society by ranking as one of  
the best dressed negroes of the city.

Recently Ed acquired a new suit of  
clothes and a bosom friend. The  
friend was also an African and went  
by the name of George Brown. Ed  
took the friend and the new suit both  
to his room one evening recently. The  
next morning the friend and the suit  
were both missing.

Ed has been sleuthing ever since.  
This morning he went to Verdun on a  
sleuthing expedition. As a result he  
found the friend. By straining the  
truth a little Ed persuaded George to  
return to Chickasha with him.

At 11:30 o'clock this morning Ed  
escorted George into the Owl drug  
store and asked Mr. Thweatt, the  
manager, to "please sub phone for the  
sheriff to come over and get this nig-  
ger."

George is now in jail while Ed,  
well pleased with his success in the  
detective line has resumed his por-  
tering duties.

### SEARCHING A MEXICAN



A United States customs inspector  
searching a suspicious-looking Mexi-  
can who had just crossed the bridge  
from Juarez, Mexico.

## GEN. GEORGE BELL, JR., AND HIS AIDS



General Bell and his aids-de-camp at Fort Bliss examining a war map.  
Left to right: Lieut. Beatty Moore, General Bell and Lieut. Conger Pratt.

## MUST SIGN PLEDGE TO ABSTAIN

William Churchill, alias "Curley,"  
was not taken to the county road  
camp near Rush Springs yesterday as  
the Express stated through erroneous  
information. It seems that at the last  
moment it was found that arrange-  
ments could not be made for trans-  
ferring the prisoner from Rush  
Springs to the road camp yesterday  
hence the transfer from Chick-  
asha to Rush Springs was postponed  
until this morning.

Later in the day friends of the pris-  
oner got busy in an effort to have him  
released from custody and an agree-  
ment was reached whereby it is al-  
leged the city authorities have stated  
they will release Churchill upon pay-  
ment of \$50 of the \$100 fine, provided  
Churchill will sign a pledge to abstain  
from the use of intoxicating liquors as  
long as he remains in Chickasha.

At noon today it was alleged \$30  
of the necessary \$50 had been raised  
and the county and city officers have  
agreed to wait until tomorrow morning  
on those who are in charge of raising  
the fine.

## GUN CLUB TO MEET

The members of the Chickasha Gun  
club will pull off their weekly shoot  
at Shavano Springs tomorrow after-  
noon. A great deal of interest is be-  
ing manifested by local marksmen and  
a good attendance is expected at to-  
morrow's shoot.

T. E. Jacobs, who has been rustling  
interest in the matter, stated this  
morning that it was thought this or-  
ganization would be effected within  
the next few days. Mr. Jacobs said  
that as soon as thirty charter mem-  
bers have signed up the permanent  
organization will be made and the of-  
ficers elected. An initiation fee of \$2  
will be charged each member.

At the shoot held during the past  
few weeks—on Fridays—a number of  
good scores have been made, some  
visitors making scores of 48 out of 50,  
while a number of local marksmen  
have run 25 out of 25 and 35 out of  
40. Among the topnotchers of the lo-  
cals are C. R. Goss, with high score;  
Ben Phillips, Ben Brookshire, Y. W.  
Darnell, T. E. Jacobs and others.

### WEATHER ELSEWHERE.

Western Union reports re-  
ports received at 8 a. m. today:  
Oklahoma—Generally cloudy.  
Temperature, 65.  
Texas—Generally cloudy;  
threatening rain at Ft. Worth;  
good rain during night at Am-  
arillo. Average temperature,  
65.

## SEEKING TO SET ASIDE TRANSFER

In the district court this morning  
the trial of the case of Cynthia A.  
Ogan vs. Webb McMurtre was taken  
up. This is a suit brought by the  
plaintiff to have deeds to certain  
properties in Chickasha set aside, and  
for an accounting of moneys. Plain-  
tiff alleges that the deeds were ob-  
tained through misrepresentation, the  
property being on Chickasha avenue,  
now occupied by the Empress thea-  
ter.

The First National bank, as mort-  
gagee holding a mortgage of \$5,000  
upon the property, is made a party  
defendant to the suit. Holding and  
Herr represent the plaintiff in this  
matter while the interests of the de-  
fendant are being looked after by  
Adrian Melton.

The court issued an order granting  
majority rights to Edwin O. Sandford.  
In the divorce proceedings of Mrs.  
F. A. Bryant vs. Arthur Bryant, the  
matter was passed for the time, this  
morning, it having been shown that  
the defendant could not get to Chick-  
asha until this afternoon.

## DAVENPORT RUNS AGAIN

"Inasmuch as the record of an of-  
ficer who is a candidate to succeed  
himself is the best evidence in the  
case, I do not deem it proper for me  
to have very much to say in making  
my announcement for re-nomination,"  
said Judge R. E. Davenport, who de-  
sires to serve a second term as county  
judge of Grady county.

Continuing, Judge Davenport re-  
marked, "I think in the case of a judi-  
cial officer the observation that I just  
made is particularly applicable. Law-  
yers, litigants and the public generally  
are able to determine how well a  
judge does his duty and I am perfect-  
ly willing to allow the voters to pass  
upon my case."

"I have done my best to attend to  
the duties of my office properly and  
to give the people an economical ad-  
ministration. Up to the present time  
I have the run office with only one  
assistant, whereas in the past it al-  
ways required two. If the people  
think I deserve a second term I shall  
appreciate their kindness in giving  
it to me."

### WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.  
Tonight rain; colder. Fri-  
day fair; colder.  
Local Temperature.  
During 24 hours ending 8  
a. m. today:  
Maximum, 77; minimum, 62.

## USES KNIFE ON WIFE AND ENDS OWN LIFE

By United Press.

Oklahoma City, April 13.—At 12:45  
this afternoon, Ed T. Woodson, aged  
45, city foreman for the Western Union  
Telegraph company, entered his  
home at 1026 East Fifth street, and  
without ceremony took out his knife  
and began slashing his wife.

Mrs. Woodson was cut three times  
on the left shoulder and in several  
places on the other shoulder before  
she escaped to the street. Her hus-  
band did not follow her and when she  
returned to the house she found  
Woodson dead with twelve knife  
wounds in the region of the heart. He  
had fallen on a cot and expired.

The cause of the tragedy is a mys-  
tery. A bottle of whiskey was found

in the room where Woodson died but  
there were no indications that he had  
been drinking. No quarrel preceded  
the cutting, according to the state-  
ment of Mrs. Woodson. The latter  
was taken to a hospital but her  
wounds are not serious.

Woodson had been in the service of  
the Western Union for twenty years,  
nine years here, and was known as a  
steady, hard-working man.

Mrs. Woodson is a daughter of Col.  
Geo. W. Barefoot of this city. The  
latter received word concerning the  
tragedy early this afternoon and with  
Mrs. Barefoot and Mrs. L. A. Sanders  
will leave for Oklahoma City on the  
first train.

## CONSIDER AUTO FIRE EQUIPMENT

Tonight the city council will meet  
in regular session with an armload of  
business before it for transaction.

This will be the first meeting held  
by the city's legislative body since  
the election at which four of the coun-  
cilmembers were re-elected and permis-  
sion granted the council, as a body, to pur-  
chase \$10,000 worth of auto fire fight-  
ing equipment.

Representatives of several manu-  
facturers of auto fire machines are al-  
ready in the city and will appear be-  
fore the council meeting tonight to  
explain the merits of their several ma-  
chines.

Among those who will attend the  
meeting, in the interests of their com-  
panies will be representatives from  
the American-LaFrance company, of  
Elmira, N. Y.; of the Anderson Com-  
piling and Fire Supply company, of Kan-  
sas City, Kansas; of the Robinson Fire  
Appliance company, of St. Louis, Mo.

It is understood that inasmuch as  
the voters have sanctioned the pur-  
chase of the equipment, together with  
a car for Chief Gattis, the matter will  
be disposed of at tonight's meeting  
and orders placed for both the auto  
fire truck and the car for the chief  
without delay of any kind.

## BASS GIVEN UP BY BONDSMEN

Ernest, alias "Tuffy" Bass, who has  
been out on bond for the past month,  
was surrendered to the sheriff yester-  
day evening and locked up in jail. He  
is awaiting trial at the June term of  
the district court on charges of high-  
way robbery. Bass is the man who is  
alleged to have robbed Bill Williams,  
a restaurant man, of eighty odd dol-  
lars while Williams and himself were  
pulling off a drinking bout in celebrat-  
ing Williams' return to Chickasha  
from Ringling. Bass had started to  
skip following the robbery, according  
to the report of the officers, but was  
apprehended in El Reno and brought  
back to Chickasha.

## JEFFERSON DAY DINNER IN N. Y.

By United Press.

New York, April 13.—Democrats  
representing different factions are ex-  
pected to pledge their support to the  
policies of President Wilson at the an-  
nual Jeffersonian dinner given tonight  
at the Waldorf-Astoria by the National  
Democratic club.

The dinner, characterized in the an-  
nouncement as a "harmony feast,"  
will have among its chief guests At-  
torney General Thomas W. Gregory,  
Senator James A. Reed of Missouri,  
and Senator James Phelan of Cal-  
ifornia. They and other leaders of the  
party will deliver speeches. The com-  
mittee in charge of the arrangements  
includes John W. Koller, chairman,  
Thomas E. Rush, surveyor of the fort;  
Stuart G. Gibbons, Thomas G. Smith,  
secretary of Tammany Hall; Henry  
M. Oldfogle, formerly representative  
in congress; William A. Clark, one-  
time United States senator from Mon-  
tana.

## GERMAN ATTACKS CHECKED

Assault on Keystone of Verdun Defenses  
Stopped by French Curtain of Fire;  
Operations Delayed by  
Bad Weather

## TWO MORE BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK

French Declare Evidence of Sussex Tor-  
pedoed is Positive; Thirteen Frag-  
ments are Found; Berlin Re-  
plies to Inquiry of U. S.

By United Press.  
Paris, April 13.—It has been an-  
nounced today that the German attack  
upon Hill 304, the keystone of the  
north defenses of Verdun, has been  
stopped by the curtain of fire main-  
tained by the French. The Germans  
are said to be bringing up fresh  
troops with which to renew the at-  
tacks.

By United Press.  
Berlin, April 13.—The statement has  
been given out that owing to the con-  
tinued bad weather the infantry at-  
tacks around Verdun will not be re-  
newed tonight.

By United Press.  
London, April 13.—It is reported  
that the British vessels, Adamon and  
Angus have been torpedoed. The re-  
ports convey the information that the  
full crew of the Adamon was saved.

By United Press.  
Paris, April 13.—The government  
has announced that it has in its pos-  
session thirteen fragments of the tor-  
pedo which sunk the steamer Sussex.  
The government also claims to have  
the names of those who were aboard  
the submarine at the time the Sussex  
was sunk. This information was ob-  
tained from the crew of a submarine  
captured recently.

The German reply to the American  
note concerning the damaging or sink-  
ing of five steamships contains the  
statement that the steamers English-  
man, Eagle Point, Manchester Eng-  
neers and Berwindvale were destroyed  
by German submarines. Evidence is  
presented to show that these vessels  
were torpedoed legally in accordance  
with the rules of war.

The concluding part of the note  
says:

"In the event that differences of  
opinion should develop hereby be-  
tween the two governments the Ger-  
man government declares itself now  
ready to have the facts of the case es-  
tablished through mixed commissions  
of investigation in accordance with  
the article of The Hague agreement  
for the peaceful settlement of inter-  
national conflicts—Nov. 18, 1907."

Regarding the attack on the Sussex  
the German note says:

"Ascertainment of the fact whether  
the channel steamer Sussex was dam-  
aged by a German submarine was ren-  
dered extremely difficult because no  
exact details of time, place and at-  
tendant circumstances of the sinking  
were known and also because it was  
impossible to obtain a picture of the  
ship before April 6. Consequently the  
investigation had to be extended to  
all actions undertaken on the day in  
question—March 24—in the channel  
in the general region between Folke-  
stone and Dieppe.

"In this region on March 24 a long  
black craft without a flag, having a  
gray funnel, small gray forward works  
and two high masts was encountered  
about the middle of the English chan-  
nel by a German submarine. The com-  
mander reached the definite con-  
clusion that it was a war vessel, and,  
indeed, a mine layer of the recently  
built English Arabic class. He was  
led to that conviction by the following  
facts: First, by the plain, unbroken  
deck of the ship; second, the form of  
the stern, sloping downward and  
backward like a war vessel; third, she  
was painted like a war vessel; fourth,  
the high speed developed, about eigh-  
teen knots; fifth, the circumstance  
that the vessel did not keep a course  
northward of the light house buoy."

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### COMMANDER AT FORT BLISS



Gen. George Bell, Jr., in command  
of the United States troops stationed at  
Fort Bliss, Tex.